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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir,

This letter is in response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2007, for which a response is due on September 10, 2007, with a two-month extension of time hereby requested. The Applicants further request that the above-identified application be amended as presented herein and re-examined in accordance with the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.